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***Part 1: Reading and Comprehension***

**1. Read the text carefully then do the activities:**

Education in United States is provided mainly by the government with control and funding from three levels, state and local. School attendance is obligatory at the elementary and high school levels (often known outside the United States as primary and secondary levels).

The ages for compulsory education vary by state, beginning at ages five to eight and ending at the ages of fourteen to eighteen. A growing number of states are now requiring school attendance until the age of 18. Students have the options of having their education held in public schools, private school or home school.

In most public and private schools, education is divided into three levels: elementary school, junior high school (also often called middle school), and senior high school. Post secondary education is better known as 'college' or 'university in the United States.

Most parents send their children to either public or private institution. One tenth of **them** enrolled in private schools. Approximately 85% of students enter the public schools largely because **they** are free.

Parents may also choose to educate their own children at home; 1.7% of children are educated in this manner.

**http:/www.encyclopedia.com/doc/1El-Educatio.html.**

**A. Comprehension/ Interpretation**

1. **The text is: underline the right answer.**

a- A newspaper article. b-a radio report. c- web-article.

2. **Are the following statements true or false?**

- Education in USA is not compulsory.
- In the USA, children can be educated at home.
- There are less pupils in private school than in public ones
- Parents pay fees to go to public school.

3. **In which paragraph is it mentioned that:**

a- the ages of compulsory education are not the same in all states?

b- Very few parents educate their children at home?

4.**Answer the following questions according to the text.**

a-What are the corresponding levels in our schools to the elementary and high school in USA?

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b-What does 'college' refer to in the USA educational system?

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c- Is there another way to educate children? Justify your answer.

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5. What do the underlined words refer to in the text?

Them (§4) = ……. They (§4) = ……..

**B- Text Exploration**

**1. Find words or expressions that are closet in meaning to the following in the text:**

Primary (§1) = …….. Obligatory (§2) = …….. Increasing (§2) = …….

**2.Complete the following chart:**

| **Verbs** | **Nouns** | **Adjectives** |
|---|---|---|
| **…….**<br>**To know**<br>**……** | **……..**<br>**…….**<br>**Freedom** | **Introductory**<br>**…….**<br>**……** |

**3. Complete each pair of sentences with one of the given connectors.**

As soon as/ whereas/ because

1. A good education is needed in all nations. It contributes to welfare and development.

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2. Parents can't teach their children all subjects. At regular schools there are qualified teachers who do so.

**4. Write sentences (b) so that it means the same as sentences (a)**

a- "Some measures are introduced to fight ignorance", he said.

b- He said that

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a- "Did you finish on time?", the teacher asked Anis.

b- The teacher asked Anis

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**5. Underline the silent letter in the following words.**

Eight -knowledge – foreign – calm. – island – column.

**Part 2: Choose one of the following topics:**

***Topic one:*** *Use the following notes to write a composition of about 150 words on the following topic.*

The number of children failing at school is increasing at an alarming rate; what are the major causes of this phenomenon? **Family** problems: divorce/ housing problem/ unemployment (jobless parent(s). **Social problems**: delinquency/ use of drugs/ alcohol/ illiterate parents. **Solution:** Some children can be guided to practice training skills; mechanic/ plumber/ carpenter/ painter.

***Topic two:*** *Are girls more successful and serious than boys at school? Why or why not?*

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# Correction

**A. Comprehension**

**1. c- web-article**

**2. a- false, b- true, c- true, d-false.**

**3. a- §2, b- §5**

**4. a- primary and secondary levels.**

**b- It refers to post-secondary education**

**c- yes, there is, home schooling (parents may choose to educate their own children at home)**

**5. a- them = children. B- they = public schools.**

**B.**

**1- primary = elementary. Obligatory = compulsory. Increasing = growing.**

**2-**

| Verbs | Nouns | Adjectives |
|---|---|---|
| To introduce | Introduction | Introductory |
| To know | Knowledge | Known |
| To free | Freedom | Free |

**3. a- A good education is needed in all nations because it contributes to welfare and development.**

**b- Parents …… subjects whereas at regular …. So ….**

**4. 1-b. He said that some measures were introduced to fight ignorance.**

**2-b. The teacher asked Anis if he had finished in time.**

5. Eight -knowledge – foreign – calm. – island – column.